

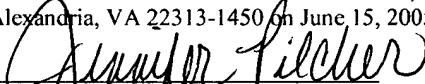
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application: **Frazier et al.** §
Serial No.: **09/692,341** § Group Art Unit: **2144**
Filed: **October 19, 2000** § Examiner: **Thompson, Marc D.**
For: **Method and Apparatus for** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0633-US1**
Ensuring Scalable Mastership During §
Initialization of a System Area §
Network §

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.